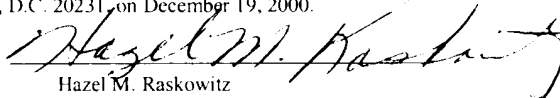


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2000 for which a response was due on November 20, 2000. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed, making the response due on or before December 20, 2000. Accordingly, this response is filed timely.